



Hawks, Tigers basketball action

Hancock splits pair with Red Rebels; Bay High Lady Tigers burn up the court.

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Newborn of the New Year

The county's first baby of 2001 born at Hancock Medical Center to some very proud parents.

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Hancock NAACP Mother o' Year

The Hancock County branch of the NAACP will host its annual supper theatre and "Mother of the Year" program honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Saturday, Jan. 13, beginning at 7 p.m. at Gulfside United Methodist Assembly, 950 South Beach Blvd., Waveland. The speaker will be Jarvis McInnis of Gulfport. The theme is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off." For ticket information, call 467-2443 or 467-1528.

Krewe of Kids seeks nominees

Captain Lisa Cowand has opened nominations for King and Queen of the Krewe of Kids. Children ages five through 12 can be nominated in a letter sent to Cowand's address: 1005 Dunbar Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Feb. 3. The parade is scheduled Feb. 24.

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The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources was called in this week to investigate a large kill of white mullets in a canal parallel to Pontiac Drive in Jourdan River Shores. Kerwin Cuevas with the Bureau of Finfish, said the cold weather of the last few days apparently lowered the water level and oxygen in the canal, but the DMR planned to take water samples to see if there were other contributing factors. Clubhouse manager Jim Laverne said he was trying to find out who would clean up the mess after hearing reports the temperature would warm up to the 60s this weekend. And, late Friday, another resident, Jim Laborde of 6111 Kiowa, said he's called, DMR, other state agencies, local supervisors and state legislators, "and, nobody wants to do anything about it."

Pass crossing guard escapes train injuries

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A veteran school crossing guard escaped death or major injury this week when her vehicle slammed into the side of one CSX freight train engine in Pass Christian.

Pass Police Chief John Dubuison said Patsy Jordon, who has worked as a school crossing guard in Pass Christian for more than six years, was on her way to work about 7:43 a.m. Thursday

morning, heading south on Market Street when the accident occurred. The Chief said there are no gates at the crossing to signal a train's approach.

Dubuison said Jordon was conscious and already out of the vehicle when rescue units arrived. She was taken to Memorial Hospital in Gulfport.

At first, feared Jordon had broken her collar bone, but the Chief said no bones were broken, and she had bruises, and was treated and released.

Residents blast proposed fee for planning appeal

Some say cost would be 'unfair' to senior citizens

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The problem of how to get a grip on cutting down on the number of zoning appeals has been tossed back in the laps of Hancock County supervisors.

At the request of the Board of Supervisors Thursday, the county Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on plans to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to require applicants who appeal a Planning Commission decision to post a

\$500 bond.

Before the debate, it appeared at least two of the five Commissioners seemed ready to approve the amendment. Instead, Commissioners voted to send the proposal back to the Board "for further clarification."

The public hearing, which was advertised in advance, drew a handful of opponents and one former court reporter, who wasn't necessarily opposed, but said the amendment needed more work in order to spell out the board's responsibility and the appellant's cost of an appeal.

Probably the most outspoken at the meeting was Albert

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Echo file photo

The city of Pass Christian plans to make the old middle school a new multi-purpose facility.

Pass seeking CBDG grant for Multi-Purpose Center

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Pass Christian will apply for a \$450,000 state Community Development Block Grant to upgrade and renovate the Randolph Multi-Purpose Building.

The Pass Christian School

District donated the former Middle School on Clark Street to the city last year, and since then it has taken on a new life, providing space for senior citizens, the Boys and Girls Club, offices for the Recreation

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Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Hancock Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler, right, swears-in new Hancock County Board of Education members Julie Easter, left, and Peggy Haas Ladner Tuesday.

Waveland 'gone to the dogs' no more

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

For the first time in about three months, since former shelter director, Curtis Quate, walked off the job, the Waveland Animal Shelter will be operating with a full staff.

In an executive session on

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LELIA WOOTEN

SISTER M. BIRRCHE

Sister Mary Jane D'Aza Birrcher, O.P., 73, of New Orleans, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001 in New Orleans.

Sister Birrcher was in the 56th year of religious profession and received her master's degree in business education from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Since taking her vows as a Dominican Sister, Sister taught at St. Peter, Reserve, La., St. Joseph Paulina, La.; St. Leo the Great, St. Anthony of Padua, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Matthias, and St. Mary Dominican College in New Orleans.

From 1968 to 1976 she was Superior General of the Dominican Sisters Congregation of St. Mary and did parish work at St. Clare in Waveland from 1976 to 1981. She served as principal of St. Clare School from 1981 to 1995. From 1996 to the present she served as coordinator of the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse.

Sister Birrcher, the former Phyllis Mae Birrcher, was the daughter of the late Althea Marie Tanquis Birrcher and Francis Xavier Birrcher, Sr.; sister of Francis Xavier Birrcher, Jr., Mrs. Mary Lynne B. Stumpf, Mrs. Anne B. Hogan and the late Mrs. Beverly B. Kuntz and Mrs. Connie B. Bel. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, August R. Kuntz, her sister-in-law, Shirley Birrcher, and nieces and nephews.

Visitation with a prayer service was Friday at the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse Chapel in New Orleans. Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

The family prefers donations to the Dominican Sisters Retirement Fund, 7300 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118.

Jacob Schoen and Son Funeral Home in New Orleans is in charge of arrangements.

LLOYD J. COMPTON

Lloyd Jennings Compton, 71, of Pascagoula, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001 in Pascagoula.

Mr. Compton was born Oct. 26, 1929 in Colorado Springs, Colo., and was a 1953 graduate of the University of Colorado. He served in the Army and Army Reserves as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers and served in the Korean War. He was employed with International Paper in Gautier, Compton Consulting Engineers and Ingalls Shipbuilding. He had been the owner of Compton Engineering since 1973 with offices in Bay St. Louis, Biloxi and Pascagoula. He was a governor appointee to the Mississippi Board of Transportation and was a member of First Baptist Church in Pascagoula and the Kiwanis Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marcus B. and Mary Bond Compton.

Survivors include his wife, Janice McMillan Compton of Pascagoula; two sons, David Compton of Pascagoula and Clayton R. Compton of Slidell; two daughters, Dianna Krebs and Carol Walters, both of Pascagoula; a brother, Keith Compton of Paonia, Colo.; and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula. Services were conducted Saturday in the funeral home chapel with burial in Macpelah Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to the Hospice of Light, 4341

Gautier-Vancleave Road, Suite 4, Gautier, Ms 39553.

REBECCA CUNNINGHAM

Rebecca "Becky" Cunningham, 64, of Gulfport, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Cunningham was a native of Lima, Ohio, and a resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast since 1968. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Ray Cunningham; a son, Edward Ray Cunningham III; and her father, Byron Lehman.

Survivors include two sons, Andrew Cunningham of Kingsville, Texas, and Byron James Cunningham of Dalton, Ga.; five daughters, Susan Shumake of Long Beach, Sandra Jordan of Pass Christian, Sheryl Smith and Sheila Luna, both of Gulfport, and Sharon Boone of Corpus Christi, Texas; her mother, Miranda Lehman; a brother, Richard Byron Lehman; a sister, Charlene Iiams, all of Lima; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial was private in Biloxi National Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to MHG Hospice, P. O. Box 1810, Gulfport, MS 39502.

LESLIE JOHNSTON

Leslie Leigh Mudd Johnston, born Oct. 14, 1969 in Houston, Texas, died Jan. 2, 2001 in Crested Butte, Colo.

Mrs. Johnston attended Christ the King Catholic School, St. Rita Catholic School and Ursuline Academy. She was a Kappa Alpha Theta at Ole Miss. She was a member of St. Rita Catholic Community where she married Kenneth on April 17, 1993. She was a member of the Mothers Club at St. Rita Catholic School and was active at All Saints Catholic School where her sons attend school. She also volunteered to assist the elderly and children.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Johnston, formerly of Bay St. Louis; sons Aidan Alexander Mudd Johnston, 5, and Jackson Lee Johnston, 3; her parents, Carl and Betty Mudd; brother Jason Todd Mudd and his wife Kelly; grandparents Alvin Mudd, Joyce Josephine Adams and Alfonso Olsovsky; aunts and uncles, Susan Olsovsky, Steven Olsovsky, Lynette Brown and Billy Mudd; mother-in-law, Virginia Mitchell; stepmother-in-law, Lenora Johnston; and godparents Edward Weber and Lynette Brown.

Visitation was Friday with recitation of the Rosary at St. Rita Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at the church, followed by entombment in Hillcrest Mausoleum.

The family prefers memorials to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, 1233 20th Street NW, Suite 402, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas, Texas was in charge of arrangements.

LYNDAL NEIL MOORE

Lyndal Neil Moore, 84, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, in Biloxi.

Mr. Moore was a native of Atlanta. He was a meat manager for Lykes Bro. Meat Company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Sims Moore; and a son, Philip Moore.

Survivors include three daughters, Margaret Lee of Smyrna, Ga., Lynda Mohan of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Michele Williams of Gulfport; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A service will be held

at 10 a.m. today at Williams Funeral Home, 67525 Hwy. 41, Pearl River, La., where friends may visit one hour before service time. Burial will be in Hickory Memorial Gardens.

HARRY STEPHENS

Harry Edward Stephens, 45, of Waveland, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Stephens was a native of Pasadena, Calif., and a resident of Waveland. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and was a volunteer with the American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond R. Stephens Sr.

Survivors include a son, Joshua Adam Stephens; his mother, Eula Mae Stephens, both of Bay St. Louis; and six brothers, Jerry Steven Stephens of Washington, D.C., Barry Leroy Stephens and Perry Lloyd Stephens, both of Ocean Springs, Gary Raymond Stephens of Bay St. Louis, Raymond Robertson Stephens Jr. of Metairie, and Terry James Stephens of Waveland.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

LELIA WOOTEN

Mrs. Lelia Badeaux Comeaux Wooten, 91, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, in Ocean Springs.

Mrs. Wooten was a native of New Iberia, La., and had been a resident of the Coast for 79 years.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Charles Comeaux and Bryan Wooten; four children, Charles Comeaux, Davis Comeaux, Chester Comeaux and Dorothy Gates; parents Josette and Duais Badeaux; two brothers, Armond Badeaux and Alton Badeaux; one sister, Laurence Hebert; and one grandson, Roger Poulos.

Survivors include two daughters, Dolores Katz of Bridgeport, Conn. and Jean Brumbaugh of Ocean Springs; one brother, Henry Badeaux of Hawaii; two sisters, Rita Darby of Anderson, La. and Rena Etie of Laurville, La.; 16 grandchildren, Diane Sekul of Biloxi, Star Ransonet of Biloxi, Cheryl LeDoux of Houston, Tx., Penny Comeaux of Dallas, Tx., Candis Milan of Houston, Kenneth Kolflat of Jackson, Ron Katz of Port Richie, Fla., Lori Epstein of Norwalk, Conn., Wendy Verga of Newtown, Conn., Robert Brumbaugh II of Ocean Springs, Connie Singletary of Scottsdale, Ariz., Steven Brumbaugh of Baton Rouge, Rachel Malbrough of Baton Rouge, Glen Brumbaugh of Rhode Island, David Comeaux

of Ocean Springs and Gena Sotak of Bay St. Louis; 30 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Ocean Springs Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes. A service will be 2 p.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Biloxi City Cemetery.

KENNETH ZIMMERMAN

Kenneth H. Zimmerman, 77, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, in Pekin, Ill.

Mr. Zimmerman was born Aug. 31, 1923 in Forrest City, Ill. and was a former resident of Tremont, Ill. and Pekin. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of the American Legion. He was employed as a quality inspector for Caterpillar Inc. for 31 years and was the former owner of Kennedy's DX gas station in Pekin. He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor.

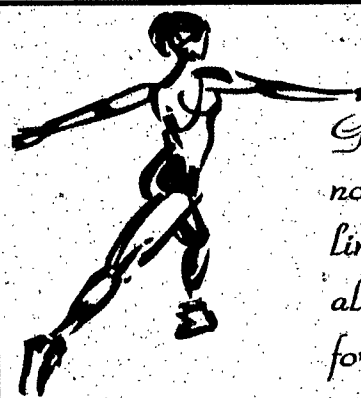
He was preceded in death by two grandsons.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Von Behren Zimmerman; two sons, Kenneth Zimmerman and Richard Zimmerman, both of Brooksville, Fla.; two daughters, Rita Hubner of Tremont and Christine Zimmerman of Peoria, Ill.; two brothers, Virgil Zimmerman of Delavan, Ill., and Robert Zimmerman of Travis City, Mich.; three sisters, Lorene Krieling of Forest City, Evelyn Miller of Peoria and Shirley Brown of Pekin; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday at Abts Mortuary in Pekin.

The family prefers memorials to the World War II Memorial Fund, American Battle Monuments Commission, P. O. Box 96788, Washington, DC 20090.

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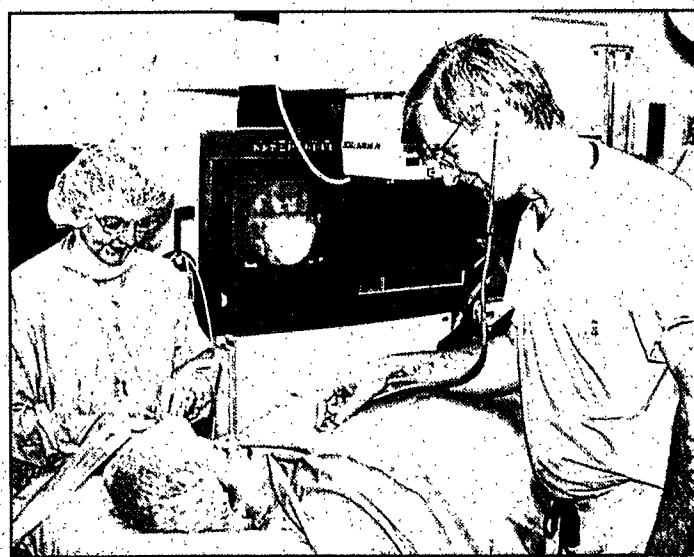
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- Joshua 11/11/72, suspended license, false information, roadway.
- James I. simple assault, derly conduct.
- Oneika 8/11/75, contempt.
- Wallace simple assault.
- Pernell hold for investigation.
- Kentrell for investigation.
- Reion G. investigation.
- Mark I. back for court.
- Herman contempt of court.
- Glover C. simple assault.
- Men V. suspended license.
- Jessie A. larceny.

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Arrest Record

- Mason Stevenson, 10/30/60, DUI first.
- Terry M. Oliver, 11/17/56, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia.
- Clarence R. Rutherford Jr., 10/7/76, possession of marijuana while operating a motor vehicle.
- Terry Michael McMurray, DUI second, suspended license.
- John Haas, 10/18/48, DUI, suspended license, contempt of court.
- Joshua Lucien Lamy, 11/11/72, suspended license, false information, obstruction of roadway.
- James L. Ferrill, 1/18/65, simple assault (domestic), disorderly conduct.
- Oneika Colisha Green, 8/11/75, contempt of court.
- Wallace Russell, 9/11/56, simple assault.
- Pernell Galloway, 5/8/69, hold for investigation.
- Kentrell Bell, 6/21/80, hold for investigation.
- Reion Galloway, parole violation -- Alabama, hold for investigation.
- Mark R. Breun, 3/25/63, back for court.
- Herman Dunklin, 2/14/79, contempt of court.
- Glover Green, 3/27/78, simple assault.
- Men V. Huynh, 2/20/68, suspended license, contempt of court.
- Jessie Acker, 11/9/81, grand larceny.
- Daniel J. Carver, 10/8/77, probation violation.
- Michael A. Crowler, 3/31/75, grand larceny.
- Robert Avard, 3/21/80, simple assault (domestic).
- Jason Duffy, 11/7/73, simple assault, malicious mischief.
- Luis A. Rivas, 7/9/75, careless driving.
- Todd S. Nichols, 12/13/63, transfer of a controlled substance.
- Warren Manning, 9/10/82, malicious mischief.
- Samuel Galbo, 10/13/82, malicious mischief.
- Henry A. Marquar IV, 12/13/73, possession of stolen property X 2 (chop shop).
- Timothy Thomas, 7/4/78, armed robbery.
- Monica Guillory, 10/8/57, petit larceny.
- Ricky Gros, 1/4/64, malicious mischief.
- Joseph G. Williams, 10/18/82, contempt of court.
- Stephen J. Bernard, 2/6/82, receiving stolen property.
- James Braisher Jr., 2/8/82, simple assault.
- Rudy Gonzales, 5/19/65, sexual battery, hold for Florida, hold for Navy.
- Carl A. Stanton, 4/3/71, possession of marijuana with intent.
- George Leon Poole, 12/4/60, mittimus (time served in lieu of paying fine).
- Broyant I. Elzy, 7/4/64, trespassing, child neglect.
- William J. Sharp, 10/11/57, disturbing the peace (domestic).
- Kenneth M. Falgout, 11/17/76, burglary, contempt of court, two counts bad check.
- Michael H. Gambino, 6/18/65, DUI first, no license, probation violation.
- Robert V. Welz, 7/24/78, public intoxication.
- Phillip J. Lenfant, 7/21/79, DUI second, resisting.
- Patrick James Wolfe, 11/25/73, bad checks.
- Chalyann Keck, 6/27/79, simple assault (domestic).
- Jon Keck, 7/25/77, simple assault (domestic).
- Janel Johnson, 6/17/58, wanted person.
- Robert Gernot, 8/12/57, public intoxication.
- Vincent G. McFarland, 5/15/61, theft, disorderly conduct.
- Jonathan J. Lytle, 10/1/81, three counts contributing to a minor.
- Thomas D. Moran, 1/22/54, DUI third, suspended license, probation violation.
- Dewey T. Russell, 8/26/59, DUI first.
- Michael Smith, 7/9/56, disturbance of family (domestic).
- Tracy L. Lowe, 5/31/62, public intoxication.
- De D. Vo, 2/2/60, suspended license.
- Dax A. Pouncy, 7/12/78, simple assault (domestic).
- Sheila Lambeth, 4/30/68, disturbance of family (domestic).
- Larry R. Acker, 8/6/49, disturbance of family (domestic).
- Ronald Se. Heyer, 8/3/55, disorderly conduct, disturbance of family (domestic).
- James A. Schwartz, 9/11/68, DUI first, DUI second, trespass, disturbance of family, simple assault, disturbance of the peace, suspended license, resisting arrest.
- Marlon Kowalski, 9/27/66, hold for Long Beach Police Dept.
- Jeffrey Brenegan, 4/10/53, simple possession of marijuana, public intoxication.
- Glen D. Smith, 5/21/75, contempt of court.
- William R. McNeil, 8/17/53, murder, habitual offender.
- Paul Anthony Lee, 1/28/82, malicious mischief.
- Preston L. Kott, 10/12/82, burglary of a dwelling.
- Thomas Dixon Wills, 8/21/52, contempt of court.
- Joey William Sharp, 10/11/57, simple assault.
- Ricky Keeton Jr., 9/18/73, receiving stolen property.
- Misty D. Tisdole, 1/20/81, simple assault on a minor.
- Jay Thomas Ruppert, 10/10/63, public intoxication.
- Rico Laneaux, 8/27/81, probation violation.
- Bobby Wayne Newcomb, 9/1/55, uttering forgery, hold for Gulfport.
- Leon Delorette, 8/15/61, public intoxication, disorderly conduct.
- Dale A. Goff, 2/7/72, suspended license.
- Paul Francis Lee, 2/27/60, four counts bad check.
- Robert E. Barker, 12/18/81, suspended license.
- David M. McCall, 1/11/45, molesting.
- Timothy Yarbrough, 7/10/71, assault on an officer X 2, resisting arrest, disturbance of family (domestic).
- Tony T. Booth, 10/17/79, contempt of court.
- Richard D. Parsons, 3/31/49, hold for Pearl River Sheriff.
- Carl L. Brown, 2/16/73, simple assault (domestic).

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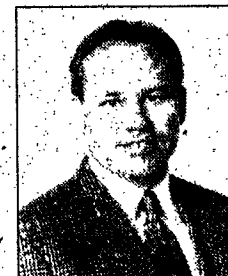
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Center -- CDBG grant

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Department and Youth Basketball leagues.

But, the structure is in need of electrical and plumbing upgrades, and a general renovation.

At Tuesday night's Board of Aldermen meeting, Aldermen acted favorably on Mayor Billy McDonald's request to file for the CDBG grant.

McDonald later told the Echo conditions "look favorable" the application will be approved.

"We've already hired Vicksburg consultants, Gouras

and Associates, to file our application, and to make recommendations on what we plan for the building," said McDonald.

The Mayor said the fact that seniors and others are already using the Center is a plus factor, since CDBG officials often look to funding projects that benefit the entire community.

If the grant is approved, it will mark the second time the CDBG program has come through for Pass Christian.

Last year, the city landed a \$750,000 CDBG grant to help with rebuilding the collapsing

east wall of the Municipal Harbor. That project is expected to get underway soon.

In other business Tuesday, Aldermen made a number of appointments and reappointments to various boards and commissions.

Gordon Burton was reappointed to the Harrison County Library Board of Trustees.

Pat Godley and Robert Heiss were reappointed to four-year terms on the Planning Commission expiring Jan. 1, 2005.

Dr. W.K. "JIM" Stewart

was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Lawrence Jabuert on the Planning Commission expiring Jan. 1, 2004.

Capt. John H. "Jack" Lang was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ed Macdiarmed on the Planning Commission expiring Jan. 1, 2002.

Debby Jones and Walter Ketchings were reappointed to three-year terms on the Historic Preservation Commission expiring Dec. 31, 2003.



Coast counties designated separate RC&D area

Six coastal counties in Mississippi -- George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone -- have been designated as a separate Resource Conservation and Development Area by the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA).

The purpose of the Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D) is to accelerate the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity and to enhance the environment and standard of living in authorized RC&D areas.

"This designation helps local areas to plan, develop and implement initiatives specifically suited to solve local problems," Senator Lott said.

"The program gives these areas more power to tailor initiatives to suit local dynamics and the unique natural resources of Mississippi's Coastal Plains.

"Given the Gulf Coast's dramatic growth, designating these

counties as their own separate RC&D area was a logical and positive step by the USDA."

This status helps local entities, including government and nonprofit organizations, to institute programs that focus on improvement of RC&D areas through the better use and management of natural resources.

The designation enables these counties to be eligible for RC&D technical and financial assistance program funds, which may include grants for land conservation, water management, community development and environmental needs.

Currently there are 315 RC&D areas across the country with projects which include reducing soil erosion, improving water quality, enhancing recreation and tourism facilities, developing and diversifying local business opportunities, assisting child and elder care and improving sewage treatment.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service will pro-

vide each area a local coordinator to help access USDA programs and services. Other USDA agencies will also provide assistance.

Waveland Senior Citizens to meet

The first meeting of the Senior Citizens of Waveland for 2001 will be tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 8, at Post 77 in Waveland, beginning at 10 a.m.

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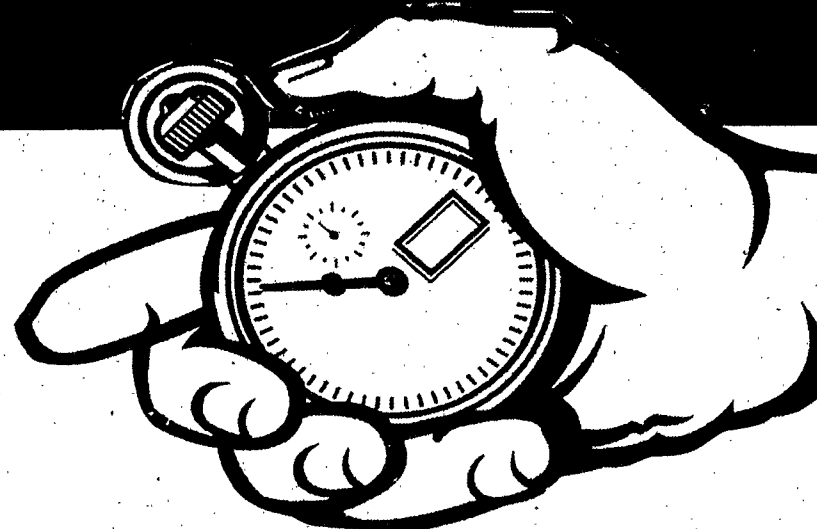
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

I wonder how many of you have written a check and forgot that the year is now changed to 2001.

I became accustomed to writing 00 for the year and have to think when I write a check to make sure 01 is now used.

Several others have told me they also have to re-program themselves on the new year.

On Friday morning I was asked the question by Jimmie Loiacano if I thought we would ever get rid of litter in our state.

Jimmie's Bay St. Louis crews are constantly working the streets and Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis collecting litter. This is a full-time job for several Bay employees.

Bay St. Louis is not alone in trying to combat the litter problem, as Waveland, Hancock County Board of Supervisors and Sheriff's Department and also the Mississippi Department of Transportation all have persons assigned to litter collection on a regular basis.

I guess it is just too easy for a person to toss debris out the window of an auto or let it fly out the back of a pickup truck.

The question I would like to ask many is, just how much effort does it take to store litter and place it in a trash can at home, then put it out for garbage collection?

Garbage collection is now throughout the county on a twice-, or once-a-week basis, so there should not be a problem with litter being disposed of properly.

Mississippi probably is becoming known as the 'litter capital' of the U.S., and this is not what many of us want to be known as.

A couple years ago the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee made a recommendation to the chamber's board, which was unanimously approved to increase the fine in Mississippi to up to a \$1,000 for persons arrested for littering.

Representatives J.P. Compretta and Dirk Dedeaux, along with Senator Scottie Cuevas, our local state legislators, went to work on a bill to increase the fines for littering. Representatives Compretta and Dedeaux presented the bill

to the House of Representatives.

The bill went into conference, and the fine was reduced to up to \$500 from our recommendation of \$1,000, which in itself was doubling the current amount.

The bill passed in the Mississippi House of Representatives by a whopping 122-0 and was passed to the Senate for consideration.

Unfortunately in the Senate the bill died, because the chairman of the committee never let it out on the floor for it to be voted on.

Senator Cuevas tried his best to get the bill out in the Senate, but there are some quirks in the law which gives a committee chairman a lot of power.

Hopefully the bill will be presented once again.

Many say that littering will continue until law enforcement officers become very strict and write citations for those caught littering. For sure, crackdowns by police would help.

There are folks who want our communities litter free and many more are needed to make this a reality.

By working together many things can be accomplished.

On Friday morning I received a telephone call from a resident who felt he had someone call his residence that morning possibly involved in a scam.

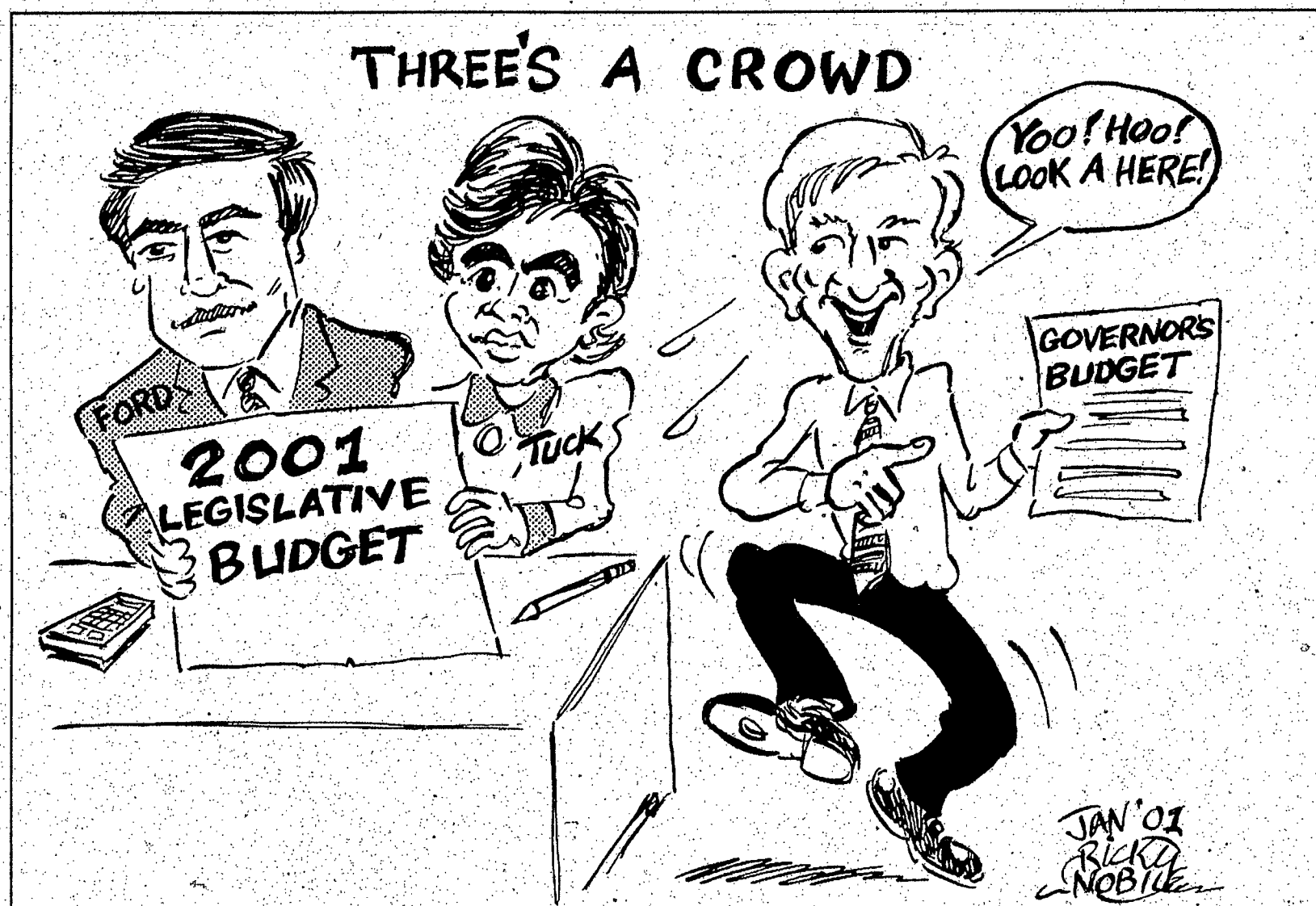
His wife was told by the caller that he was a representative from a newspaper, and for a very small fee he could receive the publication for a lengthy period.

For payment the caller wanted the party's credit card number for payment, which was wisely not given.

The gentleman called the publication to be informed they had no such special offer as his wife was told.

It is always wise to be leery when someone tries to offer you a deal that is too good to be true. It is usually false.

Law enforcement officials warn residents not to give out a social security, checking account, or credit card number to anyone, unless they know for sure whom they are dealing with.



Letters to the Editor

Resident upset with actions of Waveland Police Department

To the Editor:
Saturday, Dec. 30, I was in the Wal-Mart parking lot, about to leave, when I noticed I had made a mistake.

I parked the car in a haphazardly fashion in front of the store, to correct my error. Seeing as it was 4:45 am, and the only other person in the lot was the Holsum bread man, I figured it was no big deal. I figured wrong.

When I came out, an off-duty Waveland police officer was waiting outside the door.

I had been in the store for maybe 1 1/2 minutes, and I was shocked. He was there to pick up something, and he was very mad at my parking.

I hopped in the car to move it, and lo and behold, his lights came on. Upon being pulled over, maybe 12 feet from the spot I parked, he proceeded to write me a ticket for not having my seatbelt on for the twelve feet!

I must admit, I blew a gasket and raised my voice. I was then told I would be taken to jail for "havin' a bad attitude!" Now, I am not sure where in the Mississippi constitution it

states that one cannot have a bad attitude. It does state:

63-2-1. Requirement of use of safety seat belt system by operator and passengers in passenger motor vehicle; protection of children.

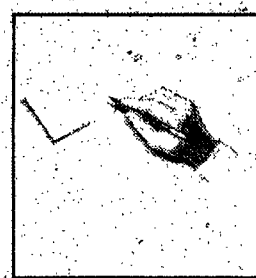
(1) When a passenger motor vehicle is operated in forward motion on a public road, street or highways within this state, every operator, every front-seat passenger and every child who is at least four (4) years of age but under eight (8) years of age, regardless of the seat that such child occupies, shall wear a properly fastened safety seat belt system, required to be installed in the vehicle when manufactured pursuant to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208. Children under the age of four (4) years shall be protected as required by Sections 63-7-301.

Now, I certainly do not consider the Wal-Mart shopping center a public street or highway. If we have a fender bender there, we are told it's private property. It does get better.

When I informed the officer of this, in certainly a loud voice, he then told me I was under

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arrest for disturbing the peace.

Since when does a law abiding citizen not have the ability to speak his mind? No profane words were used, and no appear laws were broken.

He then called out three Waveland police cars to handle this "disturbance". In the end, his sergeant, who was on duty, decided that I was not disturbing the peace, and said to go home.

The officer was upset at this, he really wanted me to go to jail for stating my case. I wish I had had my video camera on me at the time. It is a helpless feeling.

Certainly the tax dollars of the city of Waveland can better be used. It is just this kind of "Barney Fife" mentality that many visitors are afraid of in this state.

Thank God he did not have his "one bullet". The police departments want us to respect them and to look up to them, but this is how they "bully" their way around when they are off duty!

I would ask if any other readers have had any "run-ins" with the local police departments over similar minor instances, they would let their voices be heard. We deserve the respect that they, the police, ask us to have. I feel the ticket was invalid, and I will contest it in court, but the inconvenience alone is enough to turn one's stomach. Let's hear it Hancock County. Stand up and be heard. It's not the 1950's anymore. We do have rights.

Mark Edmonson
Bay St. Louis

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By State Auditor Phil Bryant COUNTRIES

Q May the board of supervisors require the county to pay dependent health insurance premiums for the elected officials of the county?

A A board of supervisors may, pursuant to Section 25-15-101, establish a group composed of the elected officials of the county, or include such officials in an existing group, and in either event, pay the premiums for dependent health insurance coverage for such group after deducting the amounts necessary to pay the costs of such dependent health coverage.

(Attorney General's opinion to Lee dated June 22, 2000)

Q May the county use money from the sanitation fund to provide for animal control?

A No, such funds may not be used for animal control because

the millage levy was adopted for solid waste disposal, not animal control.

(Attorney General's opinion to Barry dated October 13, 2000)

Q May the board of supervisors authorize the county patrolmen to pick up animals and transport them for the purposes of animal control?

A Yes, pursuant to home rule, county patrolmen may be employed to carry out animal control operations.

However, this authority does not diminish the authority of the sheriff and deputies granted by law.

(Attorney General's opinion to Barry dated October 13, 2000)

Q May the tax assessor inspect a property owner's Federal and State income tax returns?

A No, while the tax assessor has statutory authority to inspect records of a property owner in valuing property for tax purposes, there is no authority for an assessor to require inspection of state tax returns in making the valuation of property.

Federal tax matters are the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service as governed by Federal law.

(Attorney General's opinion to Martin dated October 6, 2000)

Q May a county authorize the sale of sponsorships to allow private businesses and other participants to advertise their various enterprises in a public multipurpose facility or arena and on its various programs, posters and tickets?

A Yes, there is no prohibition against the county being compensated in return for the right

to post the name of or advertisement for commercial sponsors in a public arena. (Attorney General's opinion to Gamble dated October 13, 2000)

Q May a circuit clerk be paid the per them authorized by Sections 23-15-153(4) and 23-15-225(3) for each party primary conducted, even if the primaries are conducted the same day?

A Yes. The fact that a democratic primary and republican primary are held on the same day does not limit registrars to claiming compensation for assisting in the conduct of only one election provided they are employed, personally or through a deputy, for the required hours in the performance of necessary work in assisting both executive committees.

Attorney General's opinion to Butler dated Nov. 3, 2000)

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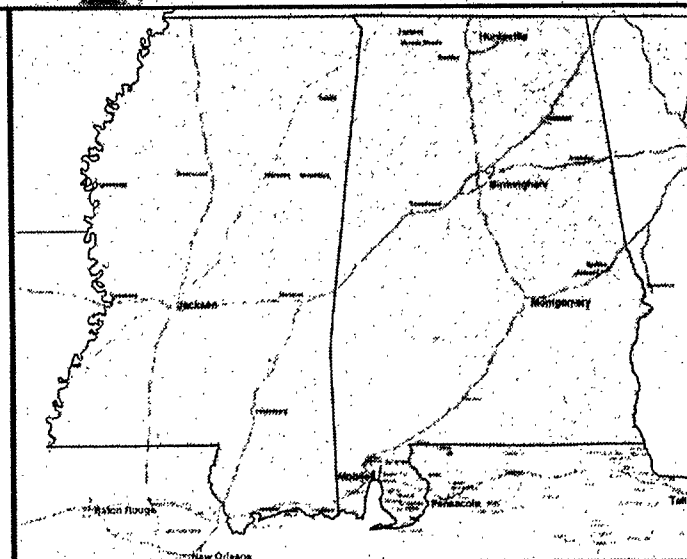
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Fee -- protest

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Weiss, of 6132 Gull Street. Weiss said he had more than 165 signatures on a petition opposing the proposed fee.

He first complained the small print legal advertisement announcing the hearing was difficult for older people to read, and suggested the commission should spend more money to make the print size larger.

Weiss' main complaint, however, was that he feels the proposed \$500 fee is excessive. He said his entire Social Security pension is \$500 a month, and he would not be able to pay the fee.

He said changing the rules now would not be fair because applicants like Martin DeSalvo and Joey Boudin have had several rounds of appeals before the commission and the board and haven't paid any fees.

"How many times can you appeal a case," Weiss asked. "If the appeals are excessive, you're not doing your job."

Weiss drew response from several commissioners when he said they were being made "a scapegoat" by supervisors, who wanted the commission to approve the fee before they did.

Commissioner Packer Ladner retorted: "They don't tell me how to vote over here. I vote my own conscience."

And Chairman Wayne Ducomb, who has served more than 30 years on the commission, said, "In all those years, not one supervisor has come to me to tell me how to vote."

Before the start of open debate, Willie Gavney, the county's chief building inspector and zoning enforcement officer, said county attorney Gerald Gex had provided him with some figures on the county's costs in three recent appeals cases. He said in one instance, the county had to pay \$360 for a court reporter and a printed transcript and in another, the appeal process cost \$163.

As proposed, an appellant would post the \$500 bond, but if the decision of the Planning Commission is reversed in whole or in part, the entire appeal fee would be returned. If the decision of the commission is affirmed, the actual cost of the appeal shall be charged against the appeal fee and any

balance remaining would be refunded to the appellant. If the actual cost of an appeal is greater than the \$500 appeal fee, the unsuccessful appealing party would pay the additional cost to the county.

He pointed out that, in most cases, the board engages a court reporter for a public hearing on zoning appeals conducted by supervisors.

Lynn Bell of the Garden Isles Community and a frequent presence at Board of Supervisors' meetings, said the proposed amendment "is totally unfair to the citizens of Hancock County."

She said the proposal, as written, does not guarantee appellants a public hearing even though they would be required to post a \$500 bond.

Bell cited at least one time when supervisors acted on a zoning change without notifying opposing parties or scheduling a public hearing. That involved a subdivision of a lot in her subdivision, she said.

"We had someone present at the meeting, and he asked if the issue was coming up and he was told by board President Rocky Pullman to go home, and they approved the change," said Bell. "We had to hire a lawyer and go to court" (to challenge the ruling), Bell said.

She also claimed the Zoning Ordinance, citing junk cars in her neighborhood, alleged sign violations, and trailers that have been pulled into her single-family residential area in violation of present zoning laws.

"If the ordinance was upheld to the letter of the law, we wouldn't have all the appeals we have," said Bell. Marla Elmer of Bayside Park told Commissioners she was a court reporter for 14 years, and was personally involved in a zoning appeal in Hancock County. "I was personally shocked when I didn't have to pay" (for an appeal), she said.

Elmer said there is a \$75 filing fee to appeal to the Circuit Court, but she paid only 50 cents a page for the transcript of a hearing before supervisors. She questioned why the

Board of Supervisors was paying for a court reporter or anything.

Elmer added, "Everyone has the right to appeal—not just because they are unhappy. There needs to be some just grounds for appeal."

She suggested the Commission form an advisory board to put together the steps needed for an appeal and the costs associated with the appeal.

"The rules, procedures and guidelines are not defined well enough" (in the proposed amendment), Elmer said.

Apparently, Commissioners expected a larger and more unruly crowd than attended the public hearing. Two deputy sheriffs were posted in the meeting room.

And, before the debate, Ducomb informed each person would be given adequate time to speak, and he asked those present not to interrupt the speaker.

Before the debate began, Commissioner C.A. Russ said of the amendment, "I've read it and discussed it. I think it's a fair deal."

And, after the debate, Ladner called for a vote on the amendment. "I think \$500 is more than fair to go through the process," said Ladner. "I'm ready to take action on this tonight, and vote yes or no."

It was the Commission's attorney, John Scaffide, who convinced Commissioners to take another look at the proposed amendment. He said the use of a court reporter for public hearings before supervisors should not be more than \$100.

And, Commissioner Mike Favre said he leaned toward a \$100 non-refundable fee, with the appellant bearing the additional costs of an appeal to the Circuit Court.

Russ said he felt the Commission needed to get more information on how the county attorney arrived at the \$500 proposed charge.

"We need to get further clarification," said Russ. "We need a little more explanation."

The matter was tabled, and Gavney was asked to confer further with Gex, the board's attorney.

That means action on any amendment wouldn't occur



First baby of 2001

Dillon Joseph Wilton Stiglet became Hancock Medical Center's first baby of the year when he arrived shortly after midnight Jan. 3, weighing five pounds, two ounces. He is held by parents Ronald and Christy (Odom) Stiglet of Bay St. Louis. Standing are pediatrician Bertrand Sy, M.D., left, and obstetrician Keith Goodfellow, M.D. Dillon's grandparents are Kenneth and Patricia Fountain and Ronald and Marie Stiglet, all of Bay St. Louis.

until sometime in February, since the Commission's next meeting is Jan. 18, but supervisors don't meet again until Jan. 22. Scaffide was asked by a reporter if a fee other than \$500 were imposed, would there have to be another public hearing.

"I don't think so," he said.

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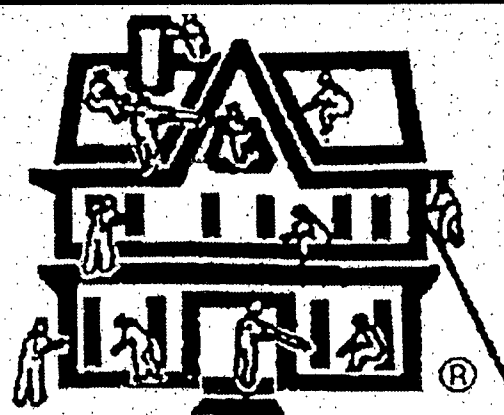
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Dogs -- Waveland

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Wednesday, the Waveland Board of Aldermen approved the re-hiring of a former employee, Talmadge Conway, as animal control officer.

Mayor Tommy Longo said on Thursday that Conway had always done an excellent job at the shelter and that although he had another job, Conway still found the time to volunteer there.

In other business: Mr. and Mrs. Virginia Roth appeared before the board to offer their

comments on a request by two neighbors, Pat Callahan and John Shannon, to build and eight foot wooden fence between them and the Roths. The Roths were opposed to the fence, which would be two feet higher than ordinances allow, citing possible fire hazards as a reason for the opposition.

Pat Callahan said she wanted

to build the fence because the Roths had too much clutter around their house and she wanted to block out the view, but if the Roths were willing to clean up, a six foot fence would be fine. Mrs. Roth said they were in the process of cleaning their property.

Aldermen voted to table the matter until the next meeting.

NOTICE

Liberty Road Trailer Park water system did not meet the bacteriological standards of the safe drinking water act in the month of November 2000. The minimum number of samples were not taken. Customers having any questions regarding the water system are encouraged to call 228-467-2377. Please leave your name and day time phone number.

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FEMA NOTICE

Hancock County, MS., has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board program.

Hancock County has been chosen to receive \$18,958 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the County.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high need areas around the country.

A local board made up of Thomas Longo, Waveland mayor, the United Way and other charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local governmental or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be nonprofit, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Hancock County has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Catholic Social Services, Diocese of Biloxi, the Hancock Food Pantry, and St. Vincent de Paul Societies in the area.

Further information on agency participation may be obtained (1) by contacting Emile Comar, St. Vincent de Paul Society, P. O. Box 283, Waveland, MS, 39576; (2) by leaving a message at 228-467-0703. Deadline for agency participation applications is noon, Jan. 17, at which time the local board will meet at 307c Coleman Ave., Waveland, MS, 39576.

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Hancock North Central Elementary educator Jean Cuevas, second from left, and the school itself were recently honored by the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and Sports in the Excellence in Physical Education Certification Program at the Silver Level. Also pictured are, from left, commission member Frank Olivar, HNC Principal Deborah Moran, Hancock County Superintendent of Education Mike Cuevas and commission member Marilyn Sefton.

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SPORTS

Bay takes two out of three from Columbia

BY MAURICE E. SINGLETON, JR.
Contributing Writer

The Bay High Lady Tigers and the junior varsity boys basketball teams picked up wins against Columbia High School in the Tigerdome on Friday night, but the varsity couldn't overcome a big, quick and great outside shooting Wildcats team.

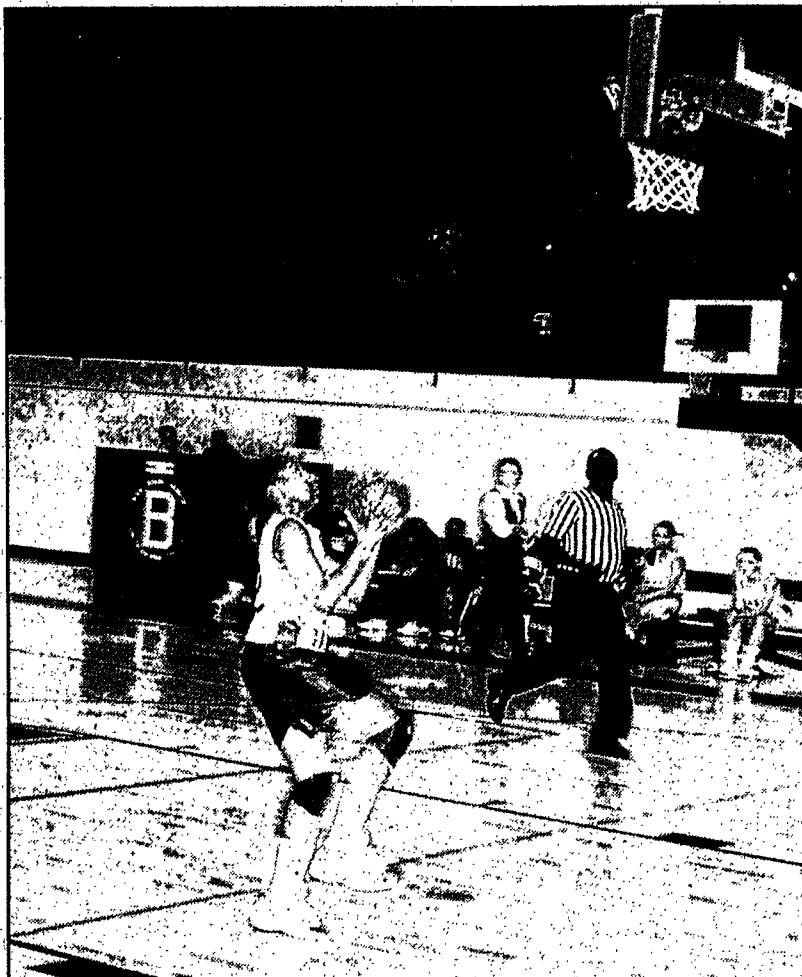
The Lady Tigers used a smothering, full court pressure defense, stealing the ball and forcing turnovers on their way to a 64-33 district win. They outscored the visitors in ever quarter, but the margin of difference in the second quarter - 14 points - reduced the Lady Wildcats' growl to a kitten's purr, as the Lady Tigers scored 22 points to the visitor's lowly eight points.

"We came out flat tonight," said Lady Tigers Coach Debbie Triplett.

"We couldn't get going. But I'm proud of them. Overall, we're doing what it takes, and we're growing as a team. We'll be ready down the stretch."

Shenna Ambrose led a balanced Lady Tigers scoring attack with 16 points, followed by Stephanie Reed with 11 points, Santana Wilks added 10 points and Carmen Labat and Felecia Thomas each contributed eight points.

The win maintains the Lady Tigers' first place tie in the dis-



Shenna Ambrose caps a steal with a lay-up for an easy two points in win over Columbia at Tigerdome on Friday night.

trict with Oak Grove High School. Their district record is 7-1, and their overall record is 16-4.

The Bay High boys didn't fare

as well as Columbia brought quickness and athleticism to both ends of the court on their way to a 72-25 rout of the Tigers. The Tigers got off to a

good start, exchanging scores with Columbia until late in the first quarter when they appeared to fall apart after missing three lay-ups.

"They've got a good basketball team," said Tigers Coach Monty Noblitt. "They're big and athletic, and they went after us defensively."

"We didn't execute at all. But we're extremely young. If we continue to do the things we need to do, we'll get better."

In junior varsity boys action, Bay High fought from down by as many as twelve points in the third quarter to defeat Columbia 57-48. Keoki Laneaux and Leif Dasco scored 15 points apiece to lead the Tigers, and Eric Lymuel added 13 points.

Bay High's boys and girls teams play host to Pascagoula on Tuesday night, and the annual Mayor's Cup game will be played in the Tigerdome on Friday as the girls take on St. John and the boys play St. Stanislaus.



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The Commission on Marine Resources approved in its December meeting a change to the crabbing ordinance requiring recreational crab fishermen using traps to purchase a license.

The change to Crabbing Ordinance No. 4.007(1) goes into effect May 1, 2001.

The new license applies only to recreational crabbers fishing with traps. A recreational license for crabbing with drop nets or other non-trap gear is not required.

Beginning May 1, 2001, all resident and non-resident recreational crab fishermen utilizing traps or pots must possess a valid recreational crab trap license for a fee of \$5 as provided for in Section 49-15-86 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

This license requirement shall only apply to individuals between the ages of 16 and 65. Any resident citizen who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been adjudged by the Veterans

Administration as having a total service-connected disability, or has been adjudged totally disabled by the Social Security Administration shall not be required to purchase or have in his possession a recreational crab license while engaged in such activities.

Any person exempt under this section shall have in his possession while crab trap fishing proof of age or disability.

All individuals utilizing traps or pots must possess a valid recreational crab trap license. This license shall be valid in all Mississippi waters south of Interstate 10.

"The recreational crab trap license will provide valuable fishing data to be used in the management of Mississippi's blue crab resource," said DMR biologist, Traci Floyd. "For that reason, this license was recommended by the Mississippi Blue Crab Task Force and is supported by Gulf Coast Research Laboratory crustacean biologists."

Other Gulf states requiring

licenses for recreational crab trap fishing include Texas, Louisiana, and Florida.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.

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Rocks down Petal 3-1

St. Stanislaus defeated Petal 3-1 in high school soccer action Friday night. Peter Doty, Billy Kenny and Drew Cranford scored goals for the Rocks. Matt Powell, Mike Fitzmaurice and Bryce Breland had assists.

St. Stanislaus is 8-3-2 overall this season and 4-1 in division play. Petal falls to 7-4-1 overall and 3-2 in division.

The Rocks will travel to Hancock High Tuesday night for a 6 p.m. matchup with the

Hawks.

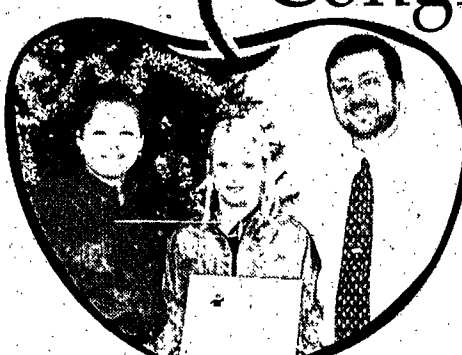
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SPORTS

Hawks split pair of games with Rebels

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks hosted the defending Class 5A state champion Harrison Central Red Rebels at Hawk Arena in Kiln on Friday, January 5. The Lady Hawks gave the crowd their money's worth with a double-overtime 66-63 win against the Red Rebelettes. In the boys game the Hawks put up two tough periods of play against Harrison Central before the Red Rebels cruised to an 83-59 victory.

The Lady Hawks took a 12-7 lead after the first period of play when Brooke Necaise stole a loose ball from Harrison Central and laid it in at the buzzer. Harrison Central came back in the second half to tie the game 21-21 at intermission. The Red Rebelettes had a 10-2 run to open the second period against Hancock.

Hancock's Melissa Duncan nailed a three-pointer with :57 left in the first half to put the Hawks' up 21-16. However, the Red Rebelettes scored the final five points of the half to tie the score.

The third period went basket-for-basket as each team scored 11 points to keep the game tied 32-32. In the fourth period, there were nine lead changes before the exciting end of regulation.

Devin Necaise hit a three-pointer with 1:01 left to put Hancock up 47-46. Then, she hit a free throw to tie the game

at 48-48. Kendall Conerly nailed one out of two free shots after Kayla Stephenson committed her fifth foul of the game to put the Red Rebelettes up 49-48 with :19 left to play. Shonda Acker sent the game to overtime for Hancock when she connected on a free throw as Conerly fouled out for Harrison Central.

Devin Necaise scored seven points for Hancock in the first overtime. With Harrison Central down two points 58-56, the Red Rebelettes hit a questionable two-point jumper to tie the game at 58-58. The Red Rebelettes called for a three-point shot but to no avail.

In the second overtime, Devin Necaise kept the Hawks going on the offensive end of the court scoring four points. Harrison Central had an opportunity to take the lead with :11 left but missed two crucial charity shots. Hancock's Brooke Necaise nailed two big free shots with :04 left to play to give Hancock the win 66-63.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton stated, "This was a big win for us tonight. The girls really fought consistent and hard tonight after dropping another close one last night to Oak Grove. It showed a lot of character to play this way and stay after it. I am very proud of them and their play tonight. We played very consistent and had good balance all over the court."

Hancock was led by Devin Necaise with 23 points. Melissa

Duncan added 11 points, including two very timely three-pointers. Brooke Necaise and Kayla Stephenson each added 10 points in the win. Harrison Central was led by Racquel Washington with 16 points. Alicia Weathersby and Kendall Conerly added 15 and 14 points, respectively. The Lady Hawks improve to 10-11 overall.

In the boys game, the Hancock Hawks played solid for two periods before the turnover bug caught up with them. Hancock head coach Michael Ladner commented, "We played two quarters together. Then, our turnovers killed us. We need to learn to put four quarters of basketball together. Harrison Central is a very good ball club. Ricky Stone does a great job of coaching his players."

Hancock led Harrison Central after the first period of play 18-17 behind Jason Phillip's nine points. In the second period of play, Harrison Central claimed the lead with 4:49 left to play in the half when Orlando Lewis canned a 10-foot jumper. Chase Cuevas brought Hancock to within six points 35-29 after driving the lane and laying a floater and drawing a foul. However, some costly turnover hurt Hancock as Harrison Central took advantage of them and scored the final five points of the half to take 40-29 lead at intermission. The Red Rebels extended their lead in the final two periods of

play as Hancock didn't threaten the rest of the way.

Hancock fell to 9-12 overall. The Hawks were led by Kael Peterson with 18 points followed by Jason Phillips with 10 points. The Red Rebels were paced by Orlando Lewis' 33 points. Kinard Parrish added 13 points in the win.

The previous night saw the Oak Grove Warriors sweep a pair of games from the Hawks in Kiln. In girls action, Oak Grove escaped with a 68-66 win. The Lady Hawks took a shot with less than :10 to play that rimmed out to preserve the lead for the Lady Warriors. Brooke Necaise scored 32 points for Hancock and went 10 for 10 from the charity stripe in the game. Devin Necaise added 23 points in the loss. Kim Winfrey led Oak Grove with 20 points followed by Lacy Branch with 16 points.

In the boys game, Oak Grove claimed a 75-62 win over Hancock. Cody Ladner led Hancock and all scorers in the game with 25 points. Zach Nelson added 20 points in the loss. Henry Thompson led Oak Grove with 23 points followed by M.J. Mayfield with 18 points. The Hawks are in action against Picayune on Tuesday, January 9, in Picayune. The next home game for Hancock will be January 12 against Columbia in Hawk Arena.

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Mayor Favre, Recreation Director Gus McKay, and the girls' softball advisory committee has taken several months to review the benefits of each league available for play for young women. Dixie Girls offers play for expanded age groups. In previous years girls 5-10 were excluded from play. The organization offers sub-district and state tournament play, as well as World Series for each age group. Girls who reside in Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Pearlinton, Clermont Harbor, Lakeshore, Ansley, Diamond-head and Pass Christian are eligible to play in the Bay St. Louis league. (Hancock County residents north of Diamondhead should contact the Dixie organization for Harrison-Hancock.)

Favre said, "Bay St. Louis is happy to host young women from throughout the area to participate in our softball program. Our goal is to have a fun sports league as a training ground for building self-esteem, teamwork skills, responsibility and determination."

Registration is each Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at McDonald Field through April. Registration fees are \$35 for the first child, second child \$30 and \$25 for each child thereafter in the same family.

The league's governing board is recruiting volunteers, team sponsors, umpires and coaches to assist with league play.

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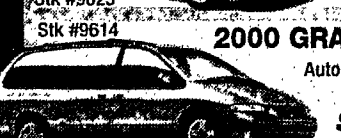
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BUSINESS NEWS

Tourism report reveals big gains

Mississippi Tourism Development, a division of the Mississippi Development Authority in partnership with D.K. Shifflet & Associates has released its latest in a series of tourism reports, *Mississippi Domestic 1998-1999 Overnight Leisure Indicators*.

The purpose of the report was to provide a comprehensive analysis of the domestic travel market for Mississippi.

The report highlights key demographic and travel behavior characteristics of Mississippi's domestic overnight leisure travelers with a comparison to the national average and to each of Mississippi's competing destinations.

Results of the report will assist the Division plan strategically for the future by providing actionable information to guide marketing and advertising programs.

"We were delighted to see the results of the report. Mississippi tourism continues to grow, in many cases, faster than the national average."

The most popular reason to visit Mississippi was a get-away weekend. Previously, visiting friends and relatives held this spot.

With some 32 million visitors during 1999, overnight leisure visitors increased by 11.1%, said Darienne Wilson, director, Tourism Development. "Good solid research provides the state, as well as the industry, increased visibility. This report will allow us to optimize our marketing dollars."

Key Survey Highlights

In 1999, 31.9 million people visited Mississippi. Of the total 10.5 million came for one day; 10.3 million were business travelers, and 11.1 million spent an average of 2.6 nights each.

Of the 11.1 million overnight visitors, 78.4 percent were from out-of-state. The average travel party size was 2.8. Expenditures averaged \$92 per person, per day, \$3 more than the U.S. average.

Tourism Development promotes Mississippi as a destination for business and leisure travel, operates the state's wel-

come centers and includes the Mississippi Film Office.

Tourism and Recreation statewide income was \$6.1 billion in FY 2000 and \$5.6 billion in FY 1999, reflecting a 9.6% increase during this period.

Tourism and Recreation accounted for 94,100 jobs in FY 2000, and 89,600 jobs in FY 1999, or a 5.0 percent increase, based on quarterly employment figures for both years.

Tourism and Recreation is the second largest service sector

employer in Mississippi. Only health care has more service employees.

Tourism and Recreation General Fund tax revenues totaled \$482.3 million for FY 2000 and \$444.8 million in FY 1999, reflecting an 8.4% increase. Tourism and Recreation provides \$1 out of every \$7 deposited in the General Fund.

For additional information, visit web site www.visitmississippi.org.

Whitney adds online banking to services

Whitney National Bank has launched Online Banking. This new feature of whitneybank.com is just the latest in a series of interactive elements designed for the convenience of Whitney customers.

"Online Banking was designed with consumers and small businesses in mind," explains William L. Marks, chairman and chief executive officer. "For Whitney customers with Internet access, the convenience of banking seven days a week can make Online Banking indispensable."

Customers will now be able to check account balances, monitor transactions and transfer funds between accounts. When these features are incorporated with existing Whitney online services, such as re-ordering checks, applying for loans, or opening a new account, most of your banking needs are just a click away.

Supplying the technology behind Whitney's Online Banking is Syntellect Inc., a

leading global provider of call center technology and hosted services solutions headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Vista Interactive Voice and Web Response Software Platform from Syntellect Inc. fulfills both web and voice applications while providing a different front-end customer interface, making Syntellect Inc. an affordable and efficient solution for convenience banking at the Whitney.

Other online services on whitneybank.com include WEBLink, a Treasury Management Information Reporting system for businesses, Trust Online, a service for Whitney Investment and Trust clients, job opportunities, updated financial information and details about Whitney products and services.

In the Spring of 2001, whitneybank.com will premiere Electronic Bill Pay. Member FDIC.

Schulz, Hourin earn real estate licenses

Real estate examinations were held for the month of December in Jackson for those persons desiring to enter the field of real estate sales, rentals and other related real estate activities.

The examination consists of 100 questions prepared by the American College Testing Services (ACT) for Real Estate

License Law Officials across the United States and Canada.

Applicants are questioned concerning the Mississippi real estate law and rules and regulations governing their activities in that vocation.

Alicia Schulz and Anne Hourin, both of Hancock County, each have been issued a salesperson license.

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GENERAL ELEC/GE	47 15/16	5/8
GOODYEAR TIRE/GT	24 3/4	+1 3/4
HANCOCK HOLDING CO/HBHC	37 11/16	5/16
INTL BUSINESS MACHINE/IBM	94	+9
INTL PAPER CO/IP	41 1/2	+1 1/16
K MART CORP/KM	8 1/2	+1 3/16
LOCKHEED MARTIN/LMT	32 1/8	-1 1/16
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MCDONALDS CORP/MCD	32 15/16	-1 1/16
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ROCKWELL INTL CORP/ROK	46 1/16	11/16
SOUTHERN COMPANY/SO	28 1/2	-4 3/4
TENNECO INC/TEN	3 1/4	+3/8
UNION PLANTERS/UPC	36 1/16	+1 1/16
WAL MART STORES/WMT	53 15/16	+18/16
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WHITNEY HOLDING/WTNY	38 1/16	+1 3/4

Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

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Time to consider 'catch-up' investment strategies?

The earlier you start investing, the better. Putting time on your side clearly gives your money a better chance to grow. So, what do you do if you're in your 30s and you haven't done much saving or investing? Are you already doomed to struggle during your retirement years?

Fortunately, the answer is "no." Even if you've done very little saving or investing, it's not too late to turn things around. In fact, even if you're in your 50s, you can take steps to dramatically improve your retirement outlook.

But let's first look at what a 30-something can do to start socking away retirement funds. To begin with, look at your 401(k) or other retirement plan that you have at work.

Are you "maxing out" on it? With tax-deferred earnings and pretax contributions, a 401(k) is a great vehicle to build retirement savings. But it's still not enough by itself.

That's why you also should think about setting up a tax-deductible IRA or, if you qualify, a Roth IRA, whose earnings can grow tax-free.

There are other things you can do to play "catch-up." If you get an annual raise at work, consider putting the majority of it into savings. After that, look for some "common sense" ways of saving money: take less expensive vacations, cut down on dinners out, etc.

If you can convert these

actions into just \$20 per week in savings, you could amass \$50,000 over 25 years, assuming you earned a modest 5 percent annual return.

Now, let's shift chronological gears. If you're in your 50s, and you haven't done much saving or investing, you're not alone. Nearly half of all U.S. workers age 55 or older have saved less than \$150,000 for retirement, according to a survey done by the American Savings Education Council.

If you're in this group, take heart: You can change the course of events. Just like your younger counterparts, you can load up your 401(k) contributions. And if you work for a non-profit or government agency, your 403(b) or 457 plan allows you to contribute more than the annual maximum for a few years before retirement if you didn't max out in prior years.

Still, you can't just count on your retirement plan at work. You're also going to have to evaluate your investment portfolio. If it's heavily weighted toward fixed-income vehicles, such as CDs, you won't achieve the growth you need.

To get that growth, you'll need to be much more aggressive. At the same time, you don't need to take undue risks, because you can find plenty of high-quality growth stocks and mutual funds. And since you're only in your 50s, you still have time to put them to work.

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REFLECTIONS
ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

Our role models define us

Which man do Americans admire most? By this time, most of you have seen the results of the recent Gallup poll sponsored by the CNN/USA Today.

Not surprisingly, Pope John Paul II came in first. Quite surprisingly, President Bill Clinton came in at a dead heat with Pope John Paul II.

It is almost equally curious that, in that identical poll, President Bill Clinton has come in first every year since 1993.

This singular alignment and conjunction of superstars had its parallel several years ago in a tale of two women, superstars whose light was extinguished at almost the same time, but whose lives had been lived under circumstances which featured them galaxies apart.

Both ultimate celebrities, Princess Di had spent her days in the circles of society's elite, while Mother Theresa of Calcutta had passed most of her time with the so-called dregs of society reduced to living and dying in gutters.

The latter's intense spirituality could not have contrasted more greatly with the sheer earthiness of the former's worldliness.

A Gallup poll at that time on the world's most admired woman might have produced a similar neck-and-neck finish between the two, given their extreme popularity and the insatiable thirst of the public for information on their lives. All the media had a long run of field days with the two women.

Such a poll would have stirred up the same questions and observations which the recent poll raised. How, for instance, could thinking Americans be pulled so powerfully in directions so morally, socially and politically opposed? Evidently, Americans want both the worldly and the otherworldly.

Numerous people obviously have a gripping fascination with the elite trappings of the super-rich, the super-powerful and the super-famous of the world. They cannot get enough of the talk, the profiles, the gossip and the adventures of the worldly figures they treat as demigods. But then there's that split personality of our country which places an equal premium on the real thing, the only enduring, spiritual qualities and activities which they see and admire in people like Pope John Paul II, Mother Theresa of

Calcutta, Billy Graham and the select heavenly few.

Granted there's a unique quirk involved in any survey on people we admire, on people who are the best-dressed, or on people who are the best role models. That built-in quirk involves the celebrity factor, in that the thoughts of virtually everyone fall first and most heavily on celebrities.

When, for instance, did anyone but a top-level celebrity ever score high in the best-dressed category? Low-level or middle-level celebrity is just not enough to rate in the public eye, even though we know quite well that most of the best-dressed people in the world are not celebrities at all.

In long, quiet moments of sober meditation, probably most of the same people who cast a vote for Pope John Paul II or President Bill Clinton would come to the realization that the real hero/heroine in their lives is their mother, father, guardian, relative, friend, counselor, teacher or confidant.

Not that we should not hold celebrities in high esteem. It is just that the celebrity/glamour factor tends to blind us to the heroes and heroines who live elbow to elbow with us every day, toughing it out, doing their best to raise the quality of our lives to the highest.

The celebrity factor is somewhat akin to the prophet factor which leads us to ignore or simply overlook the talents and charm of those closest to us. We look beyond family or friends. Hence, we say, "An expert/prophet is anyone from out of town with a briefcase and important papers."

Even Jesus felt the sting and left-out feeling of being rejected on the sole grounds of being a home-boy well known by all the people of his native area: "Where did this man get all this? ... Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

Jesus then spoke those sad, immortal words which characterize one of our most hurting traits: "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house" (Mark 6:2-4).

Yes, in a sneaky way we define ourselves by the people we admire, whose knowledge and opinions we subscribe to, whose personality and talents we revel in, and by whose connection with God we measure the world.

Divorce & grief recovery workshops announced

New 12-week sessions of the Divorce Recovery Workshop and the Grief Recovery Workshop will begin Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:45 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in downtown Gulfport.

The church is located on the corner of 15th Street and 24th Avenue. Free child care is provided for each meeting.

Both workshops have been ongoing since 1986, and have been the model for many similar programs now in existence throughout Mississippi and Louisiana.

Participants listen to a speaker during the first hour and go into a small group during the second hour for sharing and discussion.

For both workshops, the goal is

to "grow through" your loss, to become a whole person and to be able to start a new life.

Broken Rainbow, a program for children who have experienced a divorce or death in the family, begins a new 10-week session Monday, Jan. 22 at 6:45 p.m. At the same time, a Single Parenting class is held.

The fee for each workshop is \$35 for the entire session. Participants in the Divorce Recovery or Grief Recovery workshops may bring their children to Broken Rainbow and attend Single Parenting at no extra cost.

For more information, call First United Methodist Church at (228) 863-0047.



Christmas dinner helpers

Third graders at Hancock North Central Elementary busily decorated boxes to contain a complete Christmas dinner. The students donated food for the last month to lend a helping hand to other HNCE families in need. They provided food for seven families. Pictured, from left, are Laci Shaw, Trevor Whitfield and Chelsea Guttuso from Ms. Sever's class.

BSL-Wave School District seeks information on disabled children

Child Find, an ongoing effort to identify, locate and evaluate children 21 years and younger who are physically, mentally, communicatively and/or emotionally disabled, is under way in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District.

Early identification of children in need of special education or 504 consideration is most important to each child.

The information gathered from parents and other agencies will be used to help determine program needs toward providing a free, appropriate public education to all disabled children.

Information on an individual child will be maintained by the school district and will be provided to other agencies only in accord with the Family Rights and Privacy Act.

Parents may inspect the information on their children and challenge its accuracy. Access to this information is forbidden to any unauthorized person without parental consent.

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland

School District provides services in speech and language, home-hospital services, autism, traumatic brain injury and learning disabilities.

Other areas served include the educationally disabled, visually impaired, developmentally delayed, hearing impaired, physically disabled, multidisabled, emotionally disabled, and 504 eligible students.

Referrals for testing of children with suspected disabilities or 504 concerns may be made by parents, schools or other agencies. A child study will be conducted by the student intervention team or the local survey committee.

Parents of children enrolled in school as well as those not currently enrolled may begin the referral process by contacting the child's teacher or the Child Find/504 coordinator.

The Child Find/504 coordinator for the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District is June Reaves, 201 Carroll Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, 467-1021.

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D'head AARP hosts 55 Alive Safety Driving Course

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the Diamondhead chapter of AARP will sponsor a driving refresher course for drivers 50 years and older on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 8 and 9.

The 55 Alive Safety Driving Course focuses on safe driving tips and accident prevention. Completion of the eight-hour program results in a savings on most insurance policies.

The classes will be at the Diamondhead Community Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days.

The course consists of classroom lectures and discussions only. The fee is \$10 for class materials, payable by check to AARP on the first day of class. Participants should each bring a current driver's license to class.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Call 467-5699 or 255-3168 for information.

'Second Sunday' at Charity Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis

Charity Baptist Church at 106 Turner St., Bay St. Louis, will host its monthly "Second Sunday" sing today, Jan. 7, beginning at 7 p.m. The guest is the Wiggins-based group This Simple Gospel Song. The public is invited, both for the music and the service with pastor Elder Bobby Lambert.

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BACK IN TIME



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TEN YEARS AGO

December 27, 1990 - The United Way of Hancock County surpassed its goal of \$110,000 for the 1990 campaign. The latest reports show \$118,578 in pledges and contributions.

In photo is the campaign chairman Tim Ryan, who was assisted in reaching the goal by Conrad Mauffray, UW treasurer; Kay Johnston, funds distribution; Michael Haas Jr., assistant chairman; Ellis C. Cuevas, UW president; Joanne Lagasse, RSVP executive director; Rev. Charles Clark, UW chaplain; Hilda Bourg, UW vice-president; Betsy Ashman, UW director; A.C. Adam, campaign; Kathy Fernandez, campaign; Jeanne Deen, campaign; David Treutel, Jr., UW secretary; Martha VanPesch, communications; Lonnie Clayborn, director; and M.J. Landry, United Way of South Mississippi executive director.

Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River counties are part of the United Way of South Mississippi with a combined campaign.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

December 21, 1980 - Hancock County's 1980 honeymoon with relatively high employment rates is apparently

over. Mississippi State Employment Service figures released Thursday show the county with a November unemployment rate of 7 percent.

The local figure is close to a state and national unemployment rate for the same period of 7.1 percent.

The local seven percent rate is the highest unemployment level recorded this year and is the first time the local jobless figure has neared the national and state levels. A general national economic slump has apparently registered its impact locally.

FORTY YEARS AGO

December 22, 1960 - Although his team was eliminated in the semi-finals, Bay High basketball scorer Ronnie Peterson was awarded the most outstanding player award in the St. Martin Tournament Dec. 8-10.

- Shouda Gone Fishin' by Eddie Engelhorn. No fish tale is Roy Ruhr's catch made in the Jourdan river. Ruhr, who lives on Hoffman Lane, Waveland, hit it lucky over the weekend and got five green trout weighing up to almost four pounds.

He happened across Ed Fayard, Waveland photographer, on his way home who took a shot of his black beauties.

- C.J. Favre and Leroy Luke, Jr., were elevated to the rank of Eagle Scouts at the Court of Awards ceremonies Dec. 7 at Pass Christian City Hall.

Favre is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Favre, and Luke the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Luke Sr. of Bay St. Louis. Both of the new Eagle Scouts are 14 years old and are freshmen at Bay High School.

FORTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

December 25, 1953 - Telephone service in Logtown and Pearlinton has been cut off since Dec. 10 when the Logtown Utility Co., dropped its franchise for those areas.

The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is maintaining a pay station from the home of A. Marshall, owner of the Logtown Utility Co., but no other telephone service is available to the area.

The Logtown-Pearlington phone service has been operated by the Marshalls for 23 years, since 1931. It was purchased

from the Western Lumber Company at that time.

The Logtown Utility Co. served about 45 customers, Mrs. Marshall said. Marshall, who maintained his own lines, also served as the postman for the area.

- Horatio Favre, manager of the A and G Theatre, and Robert Hamilton, president of the Bay Rotary Club, (photo) inspect cans of food movie fans brought for the needy to see a cartoon movie last week.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

December 27, 1940 - Boston College team arrived in Bay St. Louis, Friday, Dec. 20th. Sixty-six persons in the party. The team will have use of Saint Stanislaus Gymnasium and Stadium for practice and training. The Boston College Eagles arrived in Bay St. Louis last Friday morning on a Louisville and Nashville train two hours later than scheduled and were met at the depot by hundreds of Bay St. Louisians.

A committee of welcome had been formed by the members of the Sidelines Club, city and county officials, persons prominent in sporting circles of New

Orleans, newspaper men and reporters and photographers from a number of the South's leading newspapers.

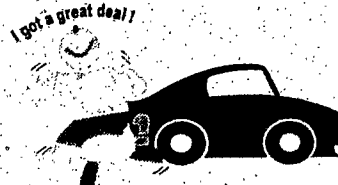
The group was later taken to the Hotel Reed where they will

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"Going Quackers" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library Thursday, Jan. 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Quick Quackers, *Five Little Ducks* and *The Number 10 Duckling* are the books to be read during the program. Children will make a paper plate duck and will play along with the song "Down on Grandpa's Farm."

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

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The Kmart January 7, 2001 weekly ad circular, on page 13, features the "Wonder Boys DVD." This item will not be available at this time due to the recording studio's change of release date. Also on page 14, the "Vanishing Point" game by PLAYSTATION is featured. This item will not be available due to the manufacturer's delay in shipping. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



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GREAT MOVE IN SPECIAL!! Great Pass location. One's from \$395; two's from \$415, and three's from \$525. Call 452-9901.

LARGE 1BR, COTTAGE, FURNISHED, boat-dock, pool, near Casino Magic. \$525/month, \$300/deposit. 467-5628 or 388-4501.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS in Waveland 2 bedroom apartments at \$495. Call about our specials plus 10% off seniors 55 and over. 467-6882.

SPACIOUS APT. HWY 603 B.S.L. 1, 2, or 3 bedrooms available now! From \$395-\$575 monthly, deposit equals rent 1-888-545-2111.

STUDIO APT. \$300/MO. B.S.L. CALL 467-3320.

TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR 1 bdrm. apt. w/full bath, living, kitchen/dining area, washer & dryer. Utilities included \$525/month. Call 467-0651.

WATERFRONT FURNISHED efficiency, \$150/deposit, \$80/week. Utilities & cable included 463-1847.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM TRAILER FOR RENT. Kila area. 255-5529.

2-3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, PORCH, SHED, DRIVEWAY, fenced. \$350/mo. \$200/deposit. 467-3496.

2BR, 2BA, VERY CLEAN \$450 DEPOSIT \$450 month. 463-1534.

CLEAN, 1BR, 1BA, WATERFRONT, AC/heat, pet-free, smoke-free. \$285/month, \$200/deposit. Partial utilities. Sailfish Realty, 467-1380.

NICE TRAILER FOR RENT. UTILITIES paid. \$125 deposit, \$125 week. 466-0315.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best prices on the coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1 BEDROOM COTTAGE FOR RENT; all utilities included. \$550/month plus deposit. 467-6007.

1/BR, 1/BA, COTTAGE BY DEPOT. \$360/MO. a/c, "pet-free", Beeper 1-888-815-9541. Local 466-4425. Available Feb. 1st.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

BSL: SMALL COTTAGE, 2BR, 1BA, cen. a/h, appliances. 351 State. \$395. 467-2053.

COZY, CLEAN FURNISHED TWO bedroom house in Pearllington Ms. for rent. \$480-\$500 deposit, 504-649-5270.

DIAMONDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, great room, den, washer/dryer, fireplace, very clean. Pet-free environment \$825/month plus deposit. 467-7345.

DIAMONDHEAD: BRIGHT OPEN FLOOR plan lots of windows 3/2 garage, \$835/mo. Call: Marilyn 255-7711. 255-3550.

DIAMONDHEAD: FROM \$750-\$1200 per month. Sell & Save Discount Realty. 255-6535.

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 bath duplex, B.S.L. \$850/month. 3BR/1-1/2 Bath, Waveland, \$650/month. 2BR, 1BA in the County, \$550/month. 3BR, 2BA in Diamondhead, \$675/mo. Call Chari @ Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp, 467-3777.

FOR RENT: 3 BDRM/2 BA. HOME in Diamondhead, located in the Oaks Subdivision, lots of extras included. Ceiling fans, blinds, refrigerator, granite & tile floors. Grass out by POA. Dues & fees paid by owner. \$750 per month, with one mo. security deposit. Call 255-6535.

LARGE 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, Bay St. Louis. 1 block to bay. Central ac/heat. \$525/month, \$450/deposit. Also 2br/1ba duplex Old Town. \$450/mo. + deposit. One block from beach. Pet/smoke-free. Sailfish Realty, 467-1380.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA, FROM \$750 PER MONTH. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

NICE 3/BR, HOME, CENTRAL A/H, carpet, 1-1/2ba, shop & boat shed. \$700/mo. \$600/dep. 466-2777.

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR 303 Favre, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Call 467-4774 if no answer leave message.

SHORELINE PARK: 2 BR/1 BAY/WASH/dry conn. Lg. Lot/Private. \$550/mo/\$550/dep. H. Wheeler Realty. Svc. 228-467-4938.

SMALL 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, W/D hook-ups, screen porch. \$465/month. \$350/deposit. 467-5653.

Two-bedroom house for rent. Call for info. 467-9278.

WATERFRONT HOME 5/BR, 2/BA, CENTRAL a/h, BSL area, Garden Isles. Monthly \$1,000. 1-504-737-6885.

156 Lots/Acreage

CLERMONT HARBOR, THE LAKES Subdivision, 3-plus acre lots, heavily wooded, waterfront. Colly Rd. off N. Railroad Ave. between Clermont & Lake-shore Rail crossings. \$12,000. No trailers. 466-0688.

MOBILE HOME LOTS, WAVELAND and Pass Christian area with well and septic. Owner financing. \$500/down. Call McKenzie Realty, 392-0039.

158 Commercial Property

215 HIGHWAY 90, WAVELAND. GOOD location, heavy traffic, small building. 504-288-3819 leave message on recorder.

DOCTOR OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE 1200 sq ft next to Hancock Medical Center. \$850/mo. 467-8392 467-5516.

FOR RENT 1200 SQ.-FT. COMMERCIAL building, Downtown Bay St. Louis. 586-2344.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE HWY 90 1200 sq ft. Call 467-4377 467-5516.

158 Commercial Property

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR lease 804 Hwy 90 BSL. 1200 square feet. 467-4594.

159 Houses For Sale

3/BEDROOM 1/BATH HOUSE IN PEARLINGTON, \$58,000. Lease purchase with small down payment or buy out total, 1-504-392-4126 or 533-7979.

New Construction
Vinyl siding, 3BR, 1.5BA, central H/A. Walk to Gulfview School. Minutes from beaches, shopping, Stennis and Port & Harbor.
Asking \$68,500
467-7149 • 516-3139

FOR SALE: 3 BDRM/2 BA. HOME IN Waveland. 1186 sq. ft. fireplace, refrigerator, blinds, and ceiling fans included. Large storage shed out back. Great starter home! Asking \$65,000. Call 255-6535.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2/BR, LARGE living room, kitchen & dining-room, located in Bayside Park, no owner financing. 466-0124.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR HOME: CALL Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-6004.

NEW CONSTRUCTION, HARDWOOD floors, ceramic tile, jacuzzi tub, cathedral ceilings & fireplace, 808 Faith St. \$85,000. \$6,000 down, notes \$693.29. Call Gold Coast Realty 467-4479.

OWNER FINANCE, NO CREDIT CHECK, no closing costs. New construction, brick, 3br, 2ba, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, carport. 1502 Margie Waveland. \$107,000. \$7,000 down. Notes \$877.58. Call Gold Coast Realty 467-4479.

OWNER FINANCE: 536 DeMontLuzin, 3brdm, 1bth. \$42,000 \$2,000/down, Note \$400 including taxes and insurance. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

WILSON ST. off Harbor Dr., 2 bedroom, 1 bath, new flat pump. Sit on 1/3 of an acre. Fenced for privacy. \$65,000. Call Gold Coast Realty for more info. 228-467-4479.

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ANNA MAE LEWIS DICKSON
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2000-978
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 28th day of December 2000, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, J.P. Compretta, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 57, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, (228) 467-1019, MSB #6429, 12/31/2000, 1/7, 1/14/2001

Notice is hereby given that on January 23, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. at LOOK-UP SELF STORAGE, 16425 Highway 603, Kila, MS 39555 property in the following units will be sold to satisfy storage lien:
Unit 121 Brady Mathew
143 Debra Trahan
214 Chris Granger
Unknown 115-137, 336, 234
James Agnew, Owner
1/07/2001

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ELSIE P. LEVEAU, DECEASED
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NO. 2001-008

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 4th day of January, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, Elsie P. Leveau, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.
THIS 4th day of January, 2001.

ELsie STEPP
Executor

01/07, 01/14, 01/21/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BRETT KELLY LACOSTE
BY: KIMBERLY RAQUEL LADNER PETITIONER
HEIRS AT LAW OF
BRETT KELLY LACOSTE, DECEASED
SUMMONS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 98-0719

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF BRETT KELLY LACOSTE, DECEASED, who are believed to be non-residents of the State of Mississippi, whose names and addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by KIMBERLY RAQUEL LADNER, being one and the same as KIMBERLY RAQUEL LACOSTE, and Brett Kelly Lacoste, II, is the sole heir at law of BRETT KELLY LACOSTE, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 a.m., on the 26th day of February, 2001, before the Honorable Margaret Alfonso in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition and the other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 20th day of December A.D. 2000.

(SEAL)

TIM A. KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK
BY: Janet Ladner D.C.

12/24, 12/31, 1/07/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CECILIA P. SANCHEZ, DECEASED
CAMILLE R. FLETCHER, PETITIONER
HEIRS AT LAW OF CECILIA P. SANCHEZ, DECEASED, AND TO ALL PERSONS KNOWN OR UNKNOWN WHO ARE OR CLAIM TO BE HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CECILIA P. SANCHEZ, DECEASED
SUMMONS NO. 99-0074

TO THE UNKNOWN OR KNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS KNOWN OR UNKNOWN WHO ARE OR CLAIM TO BE HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CECILIA P. SANCHEZ, DECEASED, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR OTHER PLEADING BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU DESIRE.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 27th day of December, 2000.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: Pamela Cuevas, D.C.

Dated: 12/27/00
12/31/2000, 1/7, 1/14/2001

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, WILL ACCEPT SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING:

NEW FLOORS AT THE WAVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIFICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED AT CITY HALL, 301 COLEMAN AVE., WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI.

THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED, BY THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT, ON OR BEFORE 4:00 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2001 TO BE OPENED AT 6:30 PM AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN.

BIDS SHALL BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE IDENTIFYING COMPANY NAME, ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE "BID ENCLOSED" AND STATE THE ITEM BID ON AND THE BID OPENING DATE.

RAQUEL LAFONTAINE
PURCHASING AGENT
CITY OF WAVELAND, MS
1/07, 1/14/2001

PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to Martin Luther King Holiday, the City Council Workshop scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2001 is rescheduled for January 16th at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. All interested parties are urged to attend.

01/07/2001

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Hancock County Board of Supervisors has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provisions of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, in the Mississippi Sound in Waveland, Hancock County.

The applicant is requesting permission to hydraulically dredge 0.5 million cubic yards of sand from off-shore borrow areas to create 1.05 miles of new sand beach along South Beach Boulevard, from Bayou Caddy to Sand Bayou in Waveland. The average width of the proposed sand beach will be 200 feet. In addition, the applicant is requesting permission to construct two rock jetties 200 feet in length on either side of the proposed sand beach. The construction of the proposed beach and jetties will result in the filling of approximately 26.02 acres of open water bottoms.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by P.L. 95-217, Hancock County Board of Supervisors will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on 12/24, 12/31/2000, 1/07/2001.

NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF DERELICT VESSEL

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources hereby notifies Mr. Ronald G. Herkender, owner of the derelict vessel hereafter described that the derelict vessel will be removed and disposed. Removal shall commence no sooner than ten (10) days following last publication of this notice. The derelict vessel is specifically described and located at Bayou Caddy near Bayou Caddy Fisheries in Hancock County, Vessel name is the Intagator, 47.5' shrimp boat, wooden hull. In the event that the owner is subsequently located after removal, the owner shall be liable for double the cost of the removal of the derelict vessel and the restoration of the affected coastal wetlands, attorneys fees and all costs of court. Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530 (228-374-5000)

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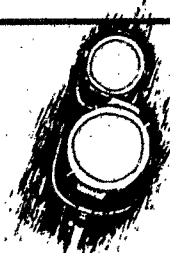
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ENTERTAINMENT



Torguson developing new upscale golf course

A new upscale 27-hole golf course is under development on the Mississippi Gulf Coast under the supervision of the Arnold Palmer Design Company.

Golf Villages of the South is a development project on 1,463 acres marked for multiple golf course development in the Biloxi-Woolmarket area. Developers recently obtained permits and began site line cuts for the first of two new golf courses.

Developer Marlin F. Torguson, who is leading the

project, is no stranger to developing high-quality golf courses. He is the former founder and president of Casino Magic Corp. and also developed The Bridges Golf Resort, an Arnold Palmer-designed course in Bay St. Louis, and is partner in Lost Key Plantation in Perdido Key Fla., a 400-acre residential golfing community with a Palmer-designed course.

His current plans call for a 330-acre, 27-hole course. The Palmer Design Company is in the process of evaluating the site and has already completed

a preliminary routing plan for the course. Contractors predict that the first course could be open as early as fall of this year.

The site is located six miles from the junction of Interstate 10 and Interstate 110, and will also have excellent access to the new Highway 67 corridor.

Torguson points out that another asset to the location is that the property is conveniently situated near all of Biloxi's major casino properties.

Course plans include four to five sets of tees and give players

the option of playing 18 or 27 holes. Land elevation ranges from 20 to 120 feet.

While the course is not yet named, it is the first stage in development of the Golf Villages of the South. Once this course is up and running, the company plans to develop an additional upscale 18-hole golf course on the remaining land.

"We're making this development desirable enough that people will want to come from around the country to play here," said Torguson.

"There's not going to be any golf experience like this on the Mississippi Gulf Coast or in neighboring states. Our plans will provide golfers a place to play multiple quality courses in one location."

The Mississippi Gulf Coast has more than 20 golf courses, including designs by Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Davis Love III.

Beau Rivage to expand buffet area to seat 600

Beau Rivage Resort & Casino has begun a five-month construction project to build a new buffet and café. Some \$22 million has been committed for this new construction in order to better serve and accommodate

guests' needs.

The Buffet at Beau Rivage has become very popular with locals and visitors alike. Because of its popularity, the buffet lines have steadily increased resulting in wait

times of up to two or three hours during the weekend.

The solution is to create a larger buffet with a completely new design. The number of seats will increase from 354 to 600, which should reduce the waiting time significantly.

The process began by closing Café Jardin and Maggie's Lounge on Jan. 2. Construction plans include moving Café Jardin to the Maggie's Lounge location. Due to space limitations, Maggie's Lounge, a popular nightspot, must close in

order to accomplish this renovation. Beau Rivage executives hope to replace this lounge in the future if an appropriate area becomes available. As an alternative, Ivy's Bar, located in front of the Coral and La Cucina Restaurants, will be open 4-11 p.m. daily.

While Café Jardin is closed during construction, other restaurants will open.

Memphis Q will open for breakfast 6-11 a.m. and for dinner 5-10 p.m. seven days a week. The Coast Brewing

Company will open for lunch and dinner, seven days a week. The current buffet, as well as the late night buffet, will continue serving nightly.

"This construction project is another step in our commitment to providing the best customer service possible," said Jeff Dahl, president of Beau Rivage. "Customer demand and satisfaction are the reasons for making these changes," he added. "We are very excited about the day we open our new and improved buffet and café for everyone to enjoy."

Bay Little Theater to present 'Little Shop'

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater will present the mandibled musical about a man-eating plant, "Little Shop of Horrors."

Opening is Friday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater, 301 Boardman Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

Performances will continue Saturday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19 and Saturday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m.

The play will feature expressionistic set designs and monster by local creature-creator Kevin Webster.

The production is directed by Jay Coker and stars Seymour Krelborn, Jonathan Peel; Audrey, Alicein Renard; Mrs. Mushnik, Elaine Glover; Voice of Audrey 2 (the Plant), Lex Mauffray; Orrin Scivello DDS; Darrell Hughes; Crystal, Sonya

Ashley; Chiffon, Jené Wadsworth; Ronnette, Ladonna Barrah.

Also, Bernstein, Lex Mauffray; Skip Snip, Jay Coker; Martin the Man in Black, Alex Ladner; Ms. Lucé, Emily Liner; and Street Urchin, Trey Mauffray.

The director is Jay Coker, co-director and stage manager, Arthur Bailey Jr.; producer, Scott Darrah; and music and vocal direction, Anthony and Sandy Starcher.

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased in advance at Flying Cups & Saucers, Coffee Bar across from the Train Depot, Gifts by the Bay, and The Purple Snapper in Bay St. Louis, and Morning Market in Pass Christian.

For information, contact Sherry Webster at 463-0615.

StarShip Dining Yacht joins tour

StarShip Dining Yacht was recently selected for membership in the National Tour Association.

NTA is comprised of nearly 4,000 travel professionals focused on the development, promotion and increased use of tour operator-packaged travel.

After reviewing letters of recommendation from NTA-affiliated tour operators and suppliers, the NTA board of directors approved StarShip's NTA membership.

"As the Gulf South's only dining super yacht, StarShip offers tour operators a one-of-a-kind product never before available on the Mississippi Gulf Coast," said Troy Manthey, president and CEO of StarShip Dining Yacht.

"Membership in NTA will allow StarShip to network with other travel industry partners, increasing visibility for StarShip, as well as for the Coast."

StarShip, privately docked

an the beach in Biloxi, offers daily lunch and dinner cruises, as well as holiday, private and corporate charters.

For information about StarShip Dining Yacht, call 228-374-7475 or toll free at 877-744-7999.

Ray Price to perform at Isle

The Isle of Capri Casino Resort is kicking off the new millennium with entertainment Thursday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Flamingo Bay Ballroom for a performance by country music's premier entertainer Ray Price.

Tickets are \$20.

For information, call 436-4753 or 800-843-4753 and press 1.

Casino changes hotel franchising agreement

Officials with the Isle of Capri Casino Resort-Biloxi recently announced that the company has made a transition from its long-standing Isle of Capri Casino Crowne Plaza Resort name to the Isle of Capri Casino Resort.

The Isle has ended its franchising agreement with Crowne Plaza Resort's parent company, Bass Hotels, granting the Isle full jurisdiction over its resort.

Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. currently operates 14 casinos in Mississippi, Louisiana, Colorado, Iowa, Missouri and Nevada. Thirteen of these locations operate hotels independently of major hotel chains — evidence that the Isle's decision to have full ownership of its hotel is consistent with the company's corporate growth.

"Being affiliated with Bass Hotels proved beneficial to us

during our inception in the hospitality industry. It provided us with the structure that we needed to establish our brand; however, in order to continue growing as a company, we feel the need to operate independently," said vice president and general manager Bill Kilduff.

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